

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1-22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A ~~M~~method for generating an announcement in the form of an information output for alerting a person engaged in real-time traffic communication to be transmitted over a packet-oriented network wherein the announcement is also transmitted as a real-time traffic communication, the method comprising:

signaling a request for generation of the announcement, for transmission as a real-time traffic communication, an information-output to an information output system;

generating a series of fragments which can be concatenated into an announcement;

storing the fragments in a memory system;

generating a series of creation rules in accord with which the announcement is formed from the fragments;

storing the creation rules in the memory system;

transmitting information about at least one coding method which can be used for encoding some of the fragments for the process of creating and transmitting the announcement, wherein the encoding is information-suitable both for output to the information output system and transmission over the packet-oriented network;

acquiring from accessing the memory system a plurality of the fragments as having pre-coded information output components in a coding suitable for information output over the packet switching network; ~~the coding method used for notifying the information-output to the memory system by the information-output system;~~

determining a concatenation of a plurality of the fragments to form the announcement;

transmitting the plurality of fragments at least one of the pre-coded information output components to the information output system and then through the packet switching

network in the suitable coding for receipt of the fragments at a destination so that a user can receive the announcement in accord with the concatenation, wherein

~~by the memory system, the information output component pre-coded with the coding method; and~~

~~generating the information output based on the transmitted information output component, wherein:~~

~~the memory system transmits creation rules to the information output system for determination of the concatenation,~~

~~the fragments ~~information output component~~ and the creation rules are stored in the information output system, and~~

~~the announcement ~~information output~~ is generated upon an information output request based on the ~~information output component or the creation rules.~~~~

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24. (currently amended) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein fragments ~~the information output~~ includes an information element chosen from the group consisting of audio information, voice information and video information.

25. (previously presented) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein the information output is requested using a standardized signaling protocol.

26. (currently amended) The Method in accordance with claim 25, wherein subscribers in the network communicate with a ~~the~~ signaling protocol which is MGCP or H.248/MEGACO.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) The Method in accordance with claim ~~23~~²⁷, wherein the creation rules are stored in the information output system for further use.

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) The Method in accordance with claim 23, ~~30~~, wherein the fragments are pre-coded information output component is stored in the information output system ~~stored~~ for a limited period of time, the period of time determined from at least one characteristic of the information output component to be stored.

32-34. (canceled)

35. (currently amended) The Method in accordance with claim 23, wherein one of the fragments ~~information output component is~~ generated while the request for the information output is processed by the information output system.

36-40. (canceled)